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13 August 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, Operational Services
SUBJECT : CS Historical Program

25X1A9a 1. It has come increasingly to my attention that some historical officers and writers and some division chiefs are under the impression that the historical program will be terminated at the end of this year. I have corrected this where I could but it might be wise to have the DDP or the ADDP provide some authoritative clarification at DDP staff meeting. Would it be possible for you or [REDACTED] to bring the matter to the DDP's attention? I would suggest that the following points be made:

a. The historical program is a continuing one in the DDP and the CIA as a whole.

b. Some of the components have completed their portion of the present program or will have done so by the end of the year - particularly those with few histories to write. In these instances there will presumably be no requirement to produce additional papers in the months ahead. They should continue, however, to identify and preserve documents which will be of value in preparing future historical papers.

c. Most components will not have completed their portions of the current historical program by the 31 December 1971 deadline set by Colonel White and many will have to make an intensive effort to finish during 1972.


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d. The CIA Historical Staff and the CS Historical Board are in the process of formulating the ongoing program and will be consulting component managements for their views and recommendations.

2. As you know, I plan to leave tomorrow for two weeks of leave in Maine. I will leave my phone number with my office here in the event that someone needs to reach me.

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Executive Secretary
CS Historical Board

cc: Chairman, CSHB

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